

# Connect Group Sermon-Based Questions Meetings October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>

## Mark 14:1-11

### 1. What is the irony of the plot by the religious leaders in verses 1-2 ? :

*The fact that they should have been reflecting on and celebrating all that God had done to free them from slavery, yet they were scheming to convict and murder an innocent man whose purpose was to bring freedom and salvation.*

### 2. What was Jesus communicating to those who rebuked the woman who anointed Him with the expensive perfume?

*Jesus was praising her for her unselfish act of worship. The essence of worshipping Jesus is to regard Him with utmost love, reverence, and devotion and be willing to sacrifice to Him what is most precious.*

### 3. Why would Judas betray Jesus?

*Very likely, Judas expected Jesus to begin a political rebellion to overthrow Rome, and he probably expected to be given a position of power as treasurer. When Jesus allowed the expensive jar of perfume to be poured on his head, Judas then realized that Jesus' kingdom was not physical or political. Judas's greedy desire for money and status moved him to betray Jesus in exchange for money and favor with the religious leaders.*

### 4. How does our perspective of Jesus influence our response to Him?

- *Proper perspective of Jesus causes us to give all to Him (Philippians 3:4-8).*
- *Improper perspective can lead to a harsh response (Proverbs 15:1, Luke 6:45)*
- *Proper perspective recognizes that the battle belongs to the Lord. (2 Chronicles 20:10, Deuteronomy 20:1-4)*
- *Improper perspective can lead you down the path of regret (Galatians 6:7-8)*